

PARKLAND FOOD BANK

PROPERTY REQUEST

FOR CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

OUR ASK

As the City of Spruce Grove (City) is aware, the food bank is stretched beyond its current location's capacity. Parkland Food Bank Society (PFB) would like to submit the following request regarding moving from the City property at 105 Madison Cr. to allow the food bank to build a facility accommodating today's growth together with anticipated needs over the next 20 years.

1. We are asking the City to help us identify a 3-acre parcel of land that would be suitable for this project, that the City would donate to PFB; and
2. We are asking the City to purchase our current building right away, based on the Building Allocation amount per the Market Value Estimate completed by the City in 2022.
 - a. Until such time as a new facility is ready to be occupied, we would ask to lease the current facility at a nominal rate \$1/year. During this time the City will be able to determine the fate of the site.

BRIEF HISTORY

In 1996 The City generously leased the land at 105 Madison Cr. for PFB to build a food bank serving the Tri-Region. Our first phase of the facility was built in 1997 with a substantial addition in 2015.

Not only has PFB taken care of general maintenance of the property, but has also made improvements that both the City and Horizon Players' have benefited from over the years. The parking lot has been expanded, improved, and maintained at food bank expense, which has given the City better access to service the drainage pond on the property. PFB has also taken care of parking lot security, protecting the City and the Horizon Players' property.

Unfortunately hunger and poverty continues to affect families of the Tri-Region and the food bank is once again needing to expand. After completing our feasibility study in 2022, we recognize that the Madison Cr. property is too small to meet the growing needs and the best course of action moving forward would be to build a new facility on new property.

PFB has seen a 372% increase in Monthly Hamper use (a total of 99,169 Monthly Hampers) since constructing our facility in 1997, and a 93% increase in Monthly Hampers since our expansion in 2015. Historically 50% of the households we assist are residents of Spruce Grove. Approximately 173,000 kg of

food was distributed to Spruce Grove residents in 2022 through our Monthly Hamper program and as these trends continue, we estimate more than doubling this amount providing over 375,000 kg of food to Spruce Grove residents in 2030.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Our goals are the following:

- **Goal #1: Build a new food bank facility that can meet the needs of the growing Tri-Region. Not only by providing hampers directly from our facility but could create additional programming such as a mobile pantry to provide access further into the region and supporting other food-based initiatives in the community.**
- **Goal #2: Provide space for a Community Services Hub where community members facing financial difficulties can access multiple services at a single location. Fast and easy access to assistance not only shortens the depth and amount of time families spend in emergent need, but reduces the anxiety and stress of the process ultimately reducing the risk of extreme poverty such as homelessness.**
- **Goal #3: Explore opportunities to add additional services to a Community Hub that do not currently exist in the Tri-Region, supporting the regions' rapidly increasing homeless population. (Such as Free shower and laundry facilities, etc.).**

OUR PLAN

To achieve our goals, we have the following immediate objectives we need to meet:

- **Need #1: PFB needs to find a 3-acre property that would be suitable to build a new food bank facility.**
- **Need #2: PFB needs to access the equity of our current facility to help us pay for planning and initial costs.**

Parkland Food Bank has developed the following plan that will get us the facility we need:

- **Phase 1** – Partner with the City to find a suitable piece of land for the food bank and negotiate a plan for both parties to benefit from the sale of the Madison Cr. property.
- **Phase 2** – Once land has been obtained, PFB can move into the design, cost, and capital campaign for the new facility. Capital campaign would include community fundraising and grants (provincial, federal, Food Banks Canada, Corporate and private foundations). The campaign will also include an ask for support from the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County based on usage of their community members and interest in shared facility for programming. (*See Individuals fed by Community Chart*)
- **Phase 3** – Move from the current facility on Madison Cr. into the new facility!

Individuals fed by Community		
Municipality	PFB Individuals Served	% Of 2022 Municipality Population
City of Spruce Grove	49%	5%
Town of Stony Plain	25%	6%
Parkland County	21%	3%
Paul First Nation	5%	18%

Timeline for Execution

Key project dates are outlined below. Dates are best-guess estimates and are subject to change until an agreement is executed.

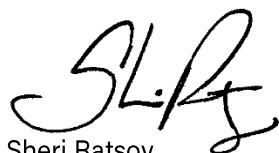
Description	Start Date	End Date	Duration
Project Start	1/12/23		
Submit Request to City Council	1/16/23		
Receive Answer from City Council	2/27/23		
Phase 1 Complete	6/1/23		

CONCLUSION

We look forward to working with the City of Spruce Grove and supporting your efforts to improve the lives of all your residents by reducing barriers to community supports and increasing access to emergency food supplies. We are confident that we can meet the challenges ahead and stand ready to partner with you.

If you have questions on this proposal, feel free to contact Sheri at your convenience by email at sheri@parklandfoodbank.org or by phone at 780-571-8715. We will be in touch with you in the next weeks to arrange a follow-up conversation on this request.

Thank you for your consideration,



Sheri Ratsoy
Executive Director, Parkland Food Bank Society